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Cover: Weeks 506 does dredging work in the Houston Ship Channel. Left: Large crane removes sediment from the channel floor. Right: The dredged material is disposed of in a barge.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

From all indications, summer has hit the District in full force based on the temperature and humidity that knocks me over when I head toward my truck each day. Just think what August will feel like! And the mosquitoes are something else. The saying that everything grows big in Texas certainly does apply to those pesky, bird size, blood-sucking insects. Maybe the mosquito should be the Texas state bird!

We really don't have much to complain about, other than the weather and mosquitoes. Our District does great work and is a benefit to our country. We have an outstanding team to work with and a nice facility to work in. Where else would you rather work then in Galveston?



Col. Leonard D. Waterworth

WHERE IS YOUR EVACUTATION PLAN? Summer also means hurricane season is once again upon us. Remember, 5 days into the hurricane season last year Tropical Storm Allison hit us. Do you realize it has been 19 years since a hurricane hit the island and the longest amount of time between hurricanes hitting the island has been 23 years? Therefore, we are due for a full-blown hurricane! So, back to my question WHERE IS YOUR EVACUTATION PLAN? Where are you going to go, where is your family going to go if you are at work, do you have your valuable documents ready to go, can your pet swim, do you have plywood ready to go up on your windows. (I began cutting plywood Memorial Day weekend.)

Not only is it hurricane season, its vacation time. Last year I checked our leave balance and much to my surprise there are quite a few people that do not have a leave plan. You receive leave to use. Leave helps maintain balance; it's an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. You should come up with a plan to do something special with the ones you love. Plan something! Consider a ball game, dance lessons, dinner at a four star restaurant or run a marathon (that might be stretching it a bit), but build a memory. Please don't wait until the end of the year to use your leave. You end up doing nothing but staying at home. It isn't good for you, your loved ones, or the District. We suffer when there are so many employees on leave at one time. So, put some thought in your leave, talk your dates over with your supervisor, and get your leave scheduled!

Many of you will head to the water to cool off and have fun. Please be careful! Don't take any chances. Too many drowning accidents could be avoided if only people would use common sense. Don't go swimming alone. Only swim in designated areas and know the area where you are swimming.

By the time my article is published, we would have already celebrated Engineer Day. What a fantastic event! Congratulations to all the nominees and winners, a job well done. Especially to Rhonda Brown and Mike Diaz for receiving Employee and Engineer of the Year awards, thank you for all your hard work throughout the years and to their supervisor, Mike Castelline, for demonstrating great leadership.

As most of you observed on Engineer Day, Maj. Joe Hanus and family have joined Team Galveston. Maj. Hanus is assigned to the District and will serve as the Deputy Commander. You will find an article in this issue about Major Hanus and his family. I also want to thank Lt. Col. Mike Flynn for serving as the Deputy Commander during the lull between Maj. Spears leaving and Maj. Hanus arriving. He did an outstanding job and the District appreciates all the hard work.

We also want to welcome Charlotte Stockwell who comes to us from the Tulsa District. She was selected as the new chief for the Resource Management Office. Thanks to Phil Coughlin and the rest of the staff in RM for carrying on in the absence of a chief. More on Ms. Stockwell in this issue.

We were all sad to say goodbye to Brig. Gen. Dave Melcher but very proud that he has been selected for his second star. He has been assigned to the Pentagon with the Program, Analysis, and Evalua-

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Major Hanus Joins the Galveston District

Maj. Joseph P. Hanus is a native of Wales, Wisconsin. He is leaving his position of the past four years with the United States Military Academy West Point where he taught Engineering Mechanics courses and advised cadets on their independent research projects. He joined the district this month as Deputy District Engineer.

Maj. Hanus received his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville in 1990. He worked briefly for the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and for Flad Structural Engineering before becoming the Construction Equipment Platoon Leader of the Wisconsin National Guard from 1986-1990.

His next challenge was as Mechanized Combat Platoon



Maj. Joe Hanus

Leader and Staff Officer for U.S. Army Germany from 1990-1994. The next move for Maj. Hanus was as Mechanized Combat Company Commander and Staff Officer for U.S. Army Korea from 1994-1997.

From 1997-1999 Maj. Hanus attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he obtained his MS in Civil Engineering. While attending Uof M he researched the use of

fiber-reinforced plastic for structural components in corrosive environments, i.e. salt water, or bridge decks subjected to deicing salts in the water.

Maj. Hanus and his wife Denise learned to ski in Germany in their spare time, and for some reason believe there won't be much snow in Galveston! They like to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, which they are big supporters of. They are also warning us that they are big "Cheese Heads," so during the fall they'll be wearing green and gold for the Green Bay Packers and red for the University of Wisconsin Badgers!

Maj. Hanus, his wife, and two daughters Anna, 3 years old and Allison, 8 months look forward to moving to Galveston and getting to know everyone.

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tions Office. What does that mean? It means he will be putting in 14+ hours a day, seven days a week. We will miss him but wish him the best of luck. Replacing him is Col (P) Robert Crear. We published his bio and photo last issue so you should be familiar with the face when he arrives here in July for the Division Command Inspection. I believe we can expect great leadership from our new division chief.

Speaking of visits, Mr. Dominic Izzo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) will be coming to the district the last of June. Higher levels have heard about this district's great accomplishments and Mr. Izzo wants to see how we are handling navigation and still maintaining environmental balance.

September will bring yet another visitor. Lt.Gen. Bob Flowers, our Chief, plans to make another visit to the District. He recognizes Team Galveston as a district that is working his environmental operating principles so be prepared to be quizzed on them by the general. If you are new in the district, you can read the principles through a link on our intranet.

Essays!

ENFORCE

Engineer Senior Leader Conference: A non-military perspective

*By Paula Rankin Wise
SWG Emerging Leader*



Paula Rankin-Wise with Lt. Gen. Flowers and Angela Baskin at ENFORCE.

From April 28- May 4, 2002, I had the opportunity to shadow Col. Waterworth at the 2002 ENFORCE (Engineer Senior Leader) Conference at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Approximately 750 people, mostly military personnel, attended the week long conference. Other attendees were Senior Executive Service (SES) personnel from the Corps, contractors, and retired military. Only two emerging leaders were present and both were from Southwestern Division-- Angela Baskin from Resource Management Office at SWD and myself. Angela was shadowing our SWD Commander at the time, Brig. Gen. David Melcher.

My first experience when I arrived was the security check. Luckily I was following Col. Waterworth or otherwise every inch of my rental car would have been inspected. We breezed through with no problems.

Our lodging was based

on our rank (or in my case, the lack of rank). The higher ranked individuals were assigned on base or a town in close proximity to the base. In my case, I was assigned to a motel 25 miles from the conference location. I think I got the better end of the deal since the scenery in this portion of south central Missouri is gorgeous and all of the dogwoods were in bloom.

Before the official conference started, most everyone participated in an icebreaker at the Ft. Leonard Wood bowling alley. Bowling teams were made up of 4 people per team -Angela and I were on the "The Pacesetters" team with Ed Shuford (SES at SWD) and Col. Waterworth. Our rival was Brig. Gen. Melcher's team, "The Bowling Kings," with Col. Suthard (Tulsa District DE), Bill Dawson (SES at SWD) and Col. Butler (Little Rock DE). It was a best two out of three competition. In the end our team won by only

a matter of a few points. Our reward was a signed dollar bill from the other team members. My dollar is signed by Bill Dawson.

The Conference

The Enforce Conference officially started on Day Two. Our guest speaker for the day was Under Secretary of the Army (Acting Secretary of Army for Civil Works), Les Browning. Browning gave an overview of the past 200 years of the Corps of Engineers (1802-2002). Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers followed by talking about his vision for the Corps for the next 2-1/2 years. He stressed the PEOPLE, PROCESS and COMMUNICATION of the USACE Campaign Plan; we need to look for positive, proactive people and develop leaders at all levels. He expected by October 2002, that the entire Corps would be

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operating under the Project Management Business Process (PMBP). As of October 1, 2002, we will no longer be customer focused, but rather the customer will be a part of our Project Delivery Teams (PDTs).

With respect to communication, he stressed the need for a learning organizational culture, and the need for us to sustain current relationships and build new ones (locally, regionally, and nationally). Before he turns his office over to the 51st Chief of Engineers, his goals are to: 1) create a "One Team" attitude, 2) change the Corps into a "Learning Organization", and 3) develop

the virtual USACE. Other speakers that day discussed the PMBP process, Installation Management, Transformation of the Army, "Fort Future" and Field Force Engineering.

Col. Waterworth liked one of the presentations so much (I won't say which presentation), that he leaned over to me and said, "if you ever give me a briefing this long...I'll fire you." I told him that was no problem, everyone in the District knew that he only wanted briefings to be between 15-30 minutes! He

seemed pleased.

Day Three was the official start of the ENFORCE (the true engineering) portion of the conference. I did learn one interesting fact...Army engineers are referred to as "Sappers." From my understanding, "Sappers" are generally the individuals (Army engineers) that are first to go in during battle and



clear the way for the others soldiers and the equipment.

The remainder of the day, Angela and I sat in on the HQ Command Council Meeting. It was really interesting to listen to the issues and concerns at the USACE-HQ level, and then listen to Lt. Gen. Flowers' suggested resolutions.

While the CMR took a break, we got an opportunity to view the vendor displays --where we were able to see, up close, the army machinery used by the Army engineers (eg. The Wolver-

ine and The Grizzly). Our day ended with Angela and I attending the yearly Regimental Review, then we met SESer, Linda Garvin (HQ- Real Estate) for dinner. Linda is amazing. She is very open, and loves to mentor and coach people.

Angela and I had a great time listening and learning from her. Linda will be visiting our

district on August 22nd, so you will get an opportunity to decide for yourself. (Linda is even trying to get Lt. Gen. Flower's secretary to come with her so she can talk specifically to the administrative and clerical staff.)

On Day Four, I started the morning early listening to Lt. Gen. Flowers

preside over the National Day of Prayer service at the school-house. I could tell from his words, and the quivering of his voice, that he is very passionate about the well-being of his soldiers. Various conference presentations were given as well. Even though most were designed for the military personnel present, the information and discussions were educational and interesting. Day Five involved special, restricted access presentations, so needless to say, I wasn't allowed in. The climax of the day

and the conference ended with a formal military social and the Regimental Dinner.

The Highlights

I realize that most people would question why on earth I would want to be around so many "green suiters" (and they were all wearing their green suits which at times made it very difficult to find Col. Waterworth in all that green). Most people would think that the experience would be boring. On the contrary, it was AWESOME! For one thing, I finally got to meet and talk with Lt. Gen. Flowers, not only once but 5 times! He is so personable and friendly. Angela and I were both excited when we were able to get our picture taken with him after the Regimental Review.

I also had the opportunity to talk with several Corps division commanders...Brig. Gen. Steve Hawkins, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (he thought he knew me, I thought I knew him, but neither of us could remember from where), and Brig. Gen. Ronald Johnson, Pacific Ocean Division (who was recently announced as promotable to major general).

I also had the very distinct privilege to meet one of the two highest females in the Corps of Engineers, Col. Marsha Killam. She offered to talk to me while I was visiting, and we talked for over 2 hours about women in the military and how that compares to women in the civilian workforce. She talked about her career, her struggles as a female in

the military, and the rewards of her military career. My conversation with her was definitely a highlight of the week. It is amazing even today that there are only TWO females at her level or above in the Corps. She equates this not to the lack of opportunity, but more the incompatibility of motherhood and a successful military career.

Other highlights of

Remember: In September, Lt.Gen. Bob Flowers, our Chief, plans to make another visit to the District. He recognizes Team Galveston as a district that is working his environmental operating principles.

ENFORCE were the shadowing and coaching opportunities I had with Col. Waterworth. He explained everything from the patches on the BDUs, the inner workings of a military installation, to his vision for the Galveston District. Our discussions really solidified concepts I learned from the Army Management Staff College.

Two of the more exciting experiences during ENFORCE were when Angela and I watched the yearly Engineer Regimental Review and when I attended the Regimental Dinner (Angela returned early to SWD and missed the dinner). The Regimental Review is the yearly inspection of the Engineer regi-

ments. Family and friends are sitting in the bleachers watching their loved ones march and perform in front of the Ft. Leonard Wood Commander, Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland and Lt. Gen. Flowers.

The Regimental Dinner was essentially the conclusion of the week-long conference. At the dinner, all of the military personnel are dressed in their dress blues- and they did look sharp! I even got a picture of Col. Buechler in his military tux. The dinner is apparently a yearly event to honor the best of the best in the active Army, National Guard, and the Army Reserves.

Attending ENFORCE is an experience that very few non-military personnel get to experience and I am very thankful for the opportunity. The most important thing I learned from this experience is that my worst day at work could never compare to what our military folks have to endure during war. On a daily basis, they have the constant anxiety of not knowing whether or not they will live or die. They survive on very little sleep, live in substandard conditions, and all that after a long tiring day of heavy physical exertion.

I have a whole new respect for these individuals who are prepared to give their lives for our country. I realized I have no right to complain when I am having a bad day; I live in a country that is free, I have a great place to work, and my family is healthy. It doesn't get any better than that!

The Corps Celebrates Different Cultures

The month of May is the time to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



headed up the event which included home cooked Mexican food from district employees and two games of La Teria, Mexican bingo. Jacque Adekanbi and Ana Gordon were the big winners of the day, taking home a doll and a decorated plate respectively. Tencha Deckard, Ricky Villagomez, Angela Zahid, Monica Campos, Celia Cockburn, Pat Salinas, and Marianne Fullen all volunteered their time and talents to make this event a success.

The month of May marked the celebrations of two cultures within our diverse nation, and right here in the Galveston District.

The month started out with the festivities for Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo, commonly mistaken for Mexican Independence Day which is actually September 16, marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French Army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Today it acts as a time to celebrate the unique culture of Mexico.

Tina Ybarra, the new Hispanic Programs Manager,



Above: Guy Williams, Chief of IMO samples Mexican food during the Cinco de Mayo celebration; also pictured Ricky Villagomez (PM), Tina Ybarra (IM) and Angela Zahid (CO). Below: Angela Zahid (CO) serves Asian cookies and other sweets to Col. Waterworth and Kim Crawford (PE-PL).

May is also the time to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It was 1979 when President Jimmy Carter declared the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In 1990 President George Bush would extend it to a whole month.

The Galveston District is home to a diverse group of employees, many who are of Asian Pacific decent. The countries of India, Thailand, Lebanon, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and

Bangladesh are all represented in the Jadwin building.

A "lunch and learn" was held in the cafeteria on May 28. Beldev Mann, the Asian Pacific American Program Manager, gave a presentation on the history of the area. A video was shown on classical Indian music and dance and on Indian Republic Day Celebrations. Angela Zihad and Helene Kieslich were on hand, dressed in authentic Indian saris, to serve sweets and exhibit artifacts from the region.



Above: Marianne Sefcik (EEO) looks over the various Asian artifacts.



Above left: Pat Lingo (EC) and Ed Mason (IM) at the Cinco de Mayo luncheon. Above right: Ana Gordon (RE-A) shows off her decorated plate. Lower left: Angela Zahid (CO) and Helene Kielsich (PAO) pose for the camera. Lower right: Jacque Adekanbi (CO) shows the doll she won from La Teria.



Jim Worthington, Bill Wise, Ricky Villagomez, and Art Janecka at the dedication site.

Channel to Victoria Dedication Ceremony

April 25th, 2002 was a day to celebrate in Victoria, Texas. A dedication ceremony was held at the Port of Victoria docks to celebrate the completion of the Channel to Victoria project.

Various people involved in the project's completion were invited to attend the ceremony. State Sen. Kenneth Armbrister (D-Victoria); Raymond Butler, executive director of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association; Lee Swearingen, chairman of Victoria County Navigation District; Capt. William Wagner III of the U.S. Coast Guard; and Col. Leonard Waterworth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were among the numerous people who spoke at the event.

The barge canal sees approximately six million tons of traffic each year. It supports 10,000 jobs and generates more than 365 million dollars in annual revenue.

The project was completed in three phases and cost over \$40 million. The 35 mile long canal was expanded from 10 feet deep by 90 feet wide to 12 feet deep by 125 feet wide. The project, which was first proposed 26 years ago, was officially completed March 23.

With the completion of the project, the Channel to Victoria has become a much safer and more cost effective place to ship and receive goods.



Engineer Day 2002



June 14, 2002



General Engineering Section Makes History with Clean Sweep of Awards



Rhonda Brown chosen as Employee of the Year

Rhonda Brown was named Employee of the Year during the annual Engineer Day award ceremony.

"I was so honored when I received this award and was even more thrilled when Mike got his award for engineer," said Rhonda Brown. "It just shows what a great and supportive supervisor that we have."

Since arriving in the Galveston District in 1994, Brown has formed a strong alliance with local sponsors, environmental resource agencies and citizen groups. She works directly with these individuals to address their concerns on environmental issues and to ensure that environmental features are incorporated into District projects whenever possible. She is currently working on portions of 16 civil works projects in the Galveston District. Brown strives for knowledge and experience in all areas of civil works and has participated in cross training in District field offices. She participates in Emergency Operations as necessary during disasters. She has taken the LEAD course and regularly seeks leadership opportunities. She was recently awarded for her leadership role on the Sims Bayou Task Force.

Brown continuously researches and proposes alternatives to traditional hard structures by using natural materials. In order to obtain citizen buy-in and bring student participation to Galveston District projects, Brown personally designs and implements volunteer projects within appropriate District projects. She fervently believes in volunteerism and is active in many volunteer associations and seasonal activities. Brown frequently makes presentations to schools and has participated in judging school science fair projects. She has also participated in numerous Discover E Programs in local schools. Her most recent achievement was riding 180 miles from Houston to Austin, Texas on April 20-21, to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Engineering honors Mike Diaz as Engineer of the Year

Mike Diaz was named the Engineer of the Year during the awards ceremony of the Engineer Day festivities on June 14, 2002.

"Mike is a fantastic engineer, I was very pleased to hear his name called," said Mike Castelline, Chief of General Engineering section.

Diaz has spent his entire career in engineering design. His work has been complete, concise, and technically outstanding. He has been and is

a model employee who cares about his work and the COE image. He started with the Corps in April of 1988 in the Engineering Division. Previously, Diaz has received three outstanding performance awards and numerous on-the-spot awards. He is currently Senior Design Engineer in the General Engineering Section and is responsible for all civil design aspects of flood control projects assigned to the section.

Diaz is part of the team preparing plans and specifications for the various reaches with Sims Bayou, Flood Control. He was the Design Engineer for Channel to Victoria widening and deepening, Brays and Hunting Emergency Repairs, and for the Greens Bayou Flood Control Project.

William G. Wooley Named Distinguished Employee

Mr. William G. Wooley retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 2, 1992 with over 31 years of active Federal Service.

Wooley's career at the Corps began in April 1963 when he joined the Omaha District as a civil engineer conducting major river basin studies. He served four years in Planning at the headquarters of the Missouri River Division before being selected as the Chief, Planning Branch, Engineering Division, Galveston District. Taking over the helm of the Planning Branch in January 1974, he served with distinction playing a major role in virtually every water re-sources development project initiated in the district over the next twelve years. He also served as the first Chief of Planning Division when it was created in 1986. He was selected in 1989 to become the Galveston District's first civilian Deputy District Engineer and was the developer of the Project Management System in the District much as it exists today.

Wooley loved what he did and was a major contributor to the success of the Galveston District. The district is still enjoying some of the fruits of his labor. Processes he developed in getting projects authorized are still in effect today.

Wooley was a registered professional engineer in Texas and a licensed land surveyor and professional engineer in Iowa. He received numerous accolades and recognition for his outstanding work throughout his career and a number of awards and decorations including the Commander's Award and Medal, and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.



Service Awards

5 YEARS

Kim Crawford
Rafael E. Felix
Nicholas J. Frankell
Edwin L. Mason

10 YEARS

Karl B. Brown
Lavonne L. Collins
Michael J. Demasi
Thelma C. Jaynes
Denise A. Landry
Eugene E. Patterson
Michael Prevost
Suhail T. Idriss
Eric Hugh Procter
William O. Ridgway
Christy A. Sorrels
Samuel J. Watson

15 YEARS

John P. Davidson

Gary B. Demarcay
Brenda R. Hayden
William P. Hernandez

20 YEARS

Loretta Carnes
Nettie M. Irvine
Jonathan B. Parker
Lorenzo Ramos
Kathi R. Dunaway
Francisco T. Garcia, Jr
Deloris J. Greenwood
Wilbur L. Hodgin, Jr
Jerry P. Sonnier
Janelle S. Stokes
Barbara J. Watts

25 YEARS

Carl M. Anderson
Fred L. Anthamatten
Elias M. Cadena
Celia E. Cockburn
Jerry L. Fritzsching

Patricia Hardeman
Richard W. Harrison
Carol A. Hollaway
Judie L. Lester
Richard K. Long
Billye S. Newcomb
Genevieve M. Trdla
Karyn L. Trevino
Betty J. Voelkel

30 YEARS

Bruce H. Bennett
Kenneth R. Chambers
N Wayne Dunham, Jr.
James M. Kieslich
Pedro Jr. Lopez
Cecil M. Mcclenan
Ronald R. Meyers
Thomas N. Portaritis
Faro R. Rodakowski
Adolfo S. Sandoval
Marianne A. Sefcik
Gilbert Trevino



Isidoro Martinez receives his award for the most years of service this year.

35 YEARS

Eliseo M. Cadena
Jerald L. Hood
Bobby A. Perez
Joyce E. Rac
Frank R. Ramirez

40 YEARS

Carl S. Wipff

45 YEARS

Isidoro S. Martinez, Jr.

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Katie, daughter of Helene Kieslich (PAO) smiles for the camera.



Maj. Hanus shares a moment with his new district employees at the beach.



Gilbert Trevino (EC-EG), Jerry Hood (AO-N), and Phil Coughlin (RMO) catch up at the beach party.



Vicky Crisp (RMO) looking cool in her shades.



Kimberly Bledsoe, granddaughter of Phyllis (PAO) and Ralph Bledsoe (AO-B) plays in the sand.



Andy Williams (PE-RC) and family enjoy the shade.



Suhail Idriss (EC-EP) stays cool with a cold drink.



Rose Cabellero (EEO), Demetrice Jones (PE-RE), and Kim Crawford (PE-PL) pose for the camera.



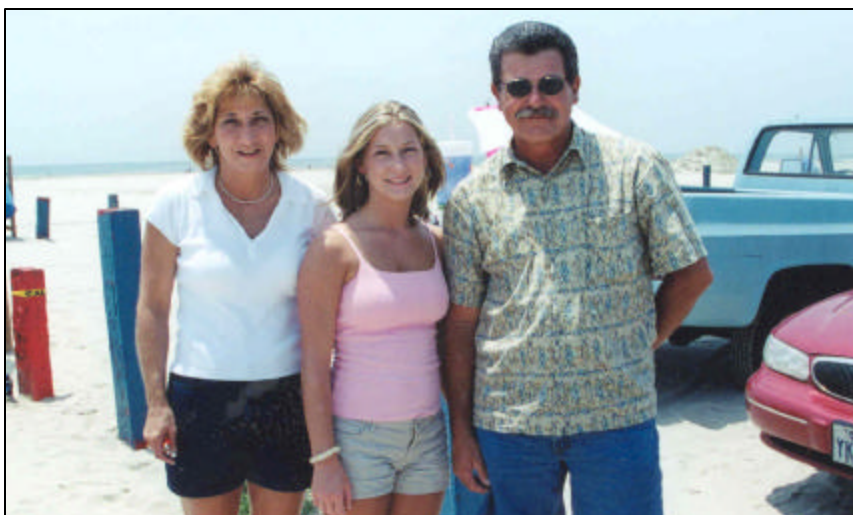
Mike (OD) and Helene (PAO) Kieslich relax in their lawn chairs.



Louis Petit (OD) getting ready to chow down.



Lexus, Marianne Sefcik (EEO) granddaughter enjoys the beach.



The Trevino's: Karyn (PE), Apryl, and Gilbert (EC-EG) pause for a family photo.

Galveston District Welcomes Charlotte Stockwell



Charlotte Stockwell

The Resource Management office is under new leadership this month. Charlotte Stockwell joins the district as the new Chief of RMO.

Her career in government service has extended 26 years, the majority of which has been with the Corps of Engineers.

Stockwell was the RMO chief in Tulsa before coming to Galveston. However, she has held positions in countries as far away as Germany and South Korea.

Stockwell said she is glad to be here in Galveston. One of the things she appreciates here is the amazing view, a big improvement from her office in Tulsa, she said, where she had no windows at all.

Stockwell is the proud mother of four grown children, two boys and two girls, and the grandmother of nine. She graduated from the Army Management Staff College in 1995. She has also attended Northern Michigan University and the University of Louisville.

Rich Rodakowski Retires From the Corps

After 30 years of government service with 12 years being here in Galveston, Rich Rodakowski left the Corps of Engineers for retirement.

His friends and co-workers from around the building joined RMO on May 30 for a farewell party and to say thanks for all his hard work throughout the years. Rodakowski was presented with a shrimp plaque and various other gifts. His wife, Barbara, was also in attendance.

Rodakowski and his wife have 3 children. Upon retirement he was headed to Missouri.



Rich and Barbara Rodakowski at his retirement party in the Jadwin building.

Corps Co-ops Bleed Maroon

Aggies Invade the Galveston District



Ashley Jones is a senior Maritime Administration major at Texas A&M Galveston. She is a co-op in the Public Affairs Office.



Jody Stephens is a senior Ocean and Coastal Resources major at Texas A&M Galveston. She is a co-op in the Regulatory Office.



Rob Thomas is a junior Marine Systems Engineer major at Texas A&M Galveston. He is a co-op in the Construction Office.



Samantha Tompkins is a recent Ocean and Coastal Resources graduate from Texas A&M Galveston. She is currently a co-op in the Regulatory Office, but will soon transfer to the Jacksonville District to work full time.



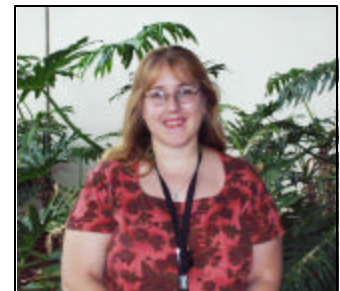
Enrique Banda is a senior Engineering major at Texas A&M University. He is a co-op in the Engineering Division.



Alexis Blue is a junior Marine Systems Engineer major at Texas A&M Galveston. She is a co-op in the Construction Office.



Alicia Rea is earning a Masters in Marine Resources Management at Texas A&M Galveston. She is a co-op in the Regulatory office.



Jennifer Meyers is a junior Marine Systems Engineering major at Texas A&M Galveston. She is a co-op in the Construction Office.

The School Year Has Come To An End ...

It's summertime again and that means some new and some familiar faces are here in the Galveston District



Melinda Medina , a sophomore biology major at the Universty of Houston, is working in the Planning Office.



Apryl Trevino, a sophomore accounting major at College of the Mainland, is working in Project and Programs Management Offices.



Colby Wise, a sophomore biomedical engineering major at Texas A&M University, is working in the Planning Office.



Patrick Curphey, a senior marketing major at Texas A&M University, is working in the Public Affairs Office.



Chris Brunt, a sophomore english literature major at the University of Houston, is working in the Bay Area Office.



Amaris Alcala, a sophomore biology major at the University of Texas, is working in the Operations Office.



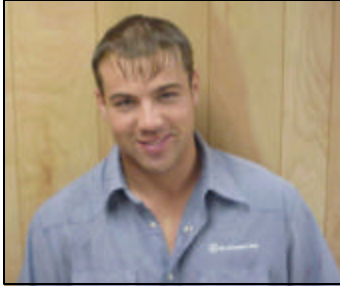
Thomas Mason, a freshmen physics major at the University of Houston, is working in Bay Area Office.



Roslyn Colston, a sophomore marine biology major at Henderson State University, is working in the Bay Area Office.



Jesse Deshotels, a junior horticulture major at Texas A&M University, is a laborer at the Colorado River Locks.



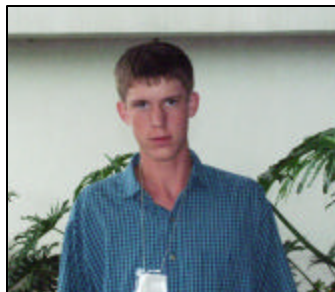
Jason Mathis is working as a laborer at the Brazos River Floodgates this summer.



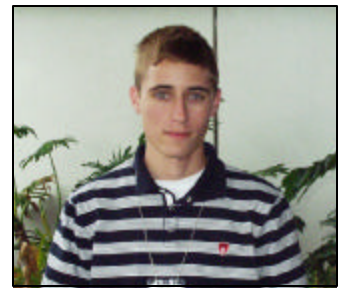
Daniel McQueen is working as a laborer at the Brazos River Floodgates this summer.



Joel Patlan, a sophomore at Clear Brook High School, is working in the Executive Office.



Kevin McDonald, a junior at Ball High School, is working in Northern Area Office.



Sean Saenz, a senior at Clear Creek High School, is working in the Planning Office.



Left: Matt Shaw, a sophomore at Southwest Texas Univeristy, is working as a laborer at Addicks and Barker.

Middle: Craig Janak, a junior at Texas A&M Univeristy, is working as laborer at Addicks and Barker.

Right: Jay McCormick has a Masters in English from Sam Houston State University, and is currently applying to law school in Houston. He is working as a laborer at Wallisville

BEWARE THE SUMMER SUN

By Tracy C. Orr
Wellness Committee

With the arrival of summer, countless numbers of individuals will be exposed to intense doses of solar radiation; some by choice. Many will strive to obtain the so-called "perfect tan." Others simply prefer to work, play, or exercise as scantily clothed as possible in the heat of the summer. Regardless of your activity, whether it be mowing the lawn, enjoying an outing at the beach, or participating in your daily fitness run, you need to be aware of the significant impacts the sun can have on your skin.

Every year, more than one million Americans are diagnosed with basal cell or squamous cell skin cancer. Furthermore, nearly 54,000 individuals are diagnosed with malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer. Although most skin cancers appear after the age of 50, the skin damage that led to these cancers usually occurred decades before, during countless hours spent in the sun. In the case of melanoma, however, the time lag is sometimes shorter.

Melanoma is the number one form of cancer for women between 25 and 29. They most likely contracted this cancer as teenagers lying out on the beach (in the sun) hour after hour.

Unfortunately, none of us can turn back the clock to undo prior sun damage. However, we can all take steps to prevent conditions from worsening, and to detect skin cancers before they have a chance to spread.

The first thing to do is to assess your risk of contracting cancer. There are several factors that may impose a higher-than-average possibility of developing skin cancer. These factors include having fair skin, with blond, red, or light brown hair; being of Irish, Scottish, or Northern European ancestry; having numerous moles or large and irregular moles; burning before you tan; having a family history of skin cancer or actinia keratosis; having a history of



severe sunburn with blistering and peeling; having spent a considerable amount of time in the sun; and/or smoking cigarettes.

Second, you need to take positive action to minimize your cancer risk by either staying out of, or limiting your exposure to the sun. If you must go out into the sun, keep your body covered. Highly sun-protective clothing is now widely available, as are lightweight, wetsuit-style swimsuits. And be sure to protect your head and face. Approximately one-third of all skin cancers occur on the nose. Wearing a hat with a four-inch brim can lower your risk of developing skin cancer by forty percent!

Be aware that clothing can stop ultraviolet (UV) rays more effectively than sunscreen, and never rubs or washes off. Check for ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) ratings that measure how well a fabric blocks out UV radiation. In general, tightly woven

fabrics screen out more rays than loose weaves, and dark colors are a better choice than light colors. For example, a white T - shirt has a UPF rating of five, while dark blue denim jeans have a rating of approximately 1,000! A UPF rating of 15 or above is considered to be sun protective.

Don't forget to protect the exposed areas of your body with liberal amounts of broad spectrum sunscreen. Studies conducted in the United States and Australia found that people who regularly used sunscreen developed one-third fewer pre-cancerous lesions than those who did not use sunscreen. Other studies have shown that people who reapply sunscreen at least once every two hours have one-fifth the risk of skin cancer than those who apply it less frequently.

Some experts recommend application of topical retinoids, such as tretinoin cream. Retinoids are currently being studied and are showing some promise. They may help damaged cells return to normal structure and function. However, retinoids should never be used by pregnant or breastfeeding women.

Finally, early detection is extremely important for the effective treatment of skin cancer, particularly melanoma. If melanoma is detected before it is more than a twenty-fifth of an inch thick, the cure

rate is close to one hundred percent. However, if melanoma goes deeper than three millimeters (one-eighth of an inch), the cure rate drops to fifty percent. That little difference makes a big difference to a person's chance's of survival.

Monthly skin self-exams plus a yearly examination by a dermatologist are critical for early detection of both skin cancer and pre-cancerous lesions. Unfortunately, few people take an interest in making sure they are diagnosed early and accurately. This is unfortunate since one person in the United States dies of a malignant melanoma every hour. This being the case, you should be examined by a dermatologist at least once a year, more often if you have a high risk of developing skin cancer.

So, what does this all mean to you? Well, It certainly doesn't mean that you can't or shouldn't enjoy all of your favorite summertime activities. It does mean, however, that you should do your best to avoid excessive solar radiation and its potentially harmful effects. Assess your risk factors, take positive action to minimize your cancer risks, perform monthly self-exams, and see your dermatologist at least once a year. Taking these steps will most definitely help you to reduce your chances of developing skin cancer, and possibly becoming a statistic. Enjoy your summer!

Giving The Gift Of Life

*"Team Galveston,
Even though I am on leave for a week, I needed
to send a big thank you to Team Galveston for
the successful blood drive. Great example of
district employees taking care of each other and
the community. Thank you..."*
Col. Leonard Waterworth

The following list of people donated blood at the June 4th
blood drive ...

Cecil McClenan	Al Meyer
Brenda Hayden	Tracy Orr
Marianne Fullen	Janet Botello
Celia Cockburn	Debra Lindsey
Shirley Fanuiel	Jason Tieman
Delia Deckard	Ryan Fordyce
Rajasehar Joseph	Elizabeth Meyer
Daine Kovacevich	Bill Wise
Pramod Desai	Judie Lester
Eric Russek	Clark Bartee
Barbara Watts	Michelle Clark
Enrique Banda	Charlie Stimmel
Ana Gordon	George Rochen
Steve Kelly	Sharon Janda
Garcia Francisco	Rhonda Brown
Lynette Anders	Monica Campos
Cynthia Burke	Edward Huff

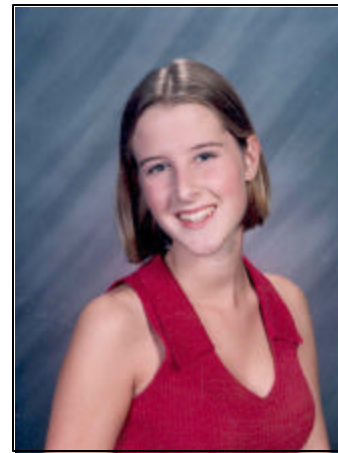
Congratulations to the Graduates



Jennifer Curphey, daughter of Richard, IMO, and Gail Curphey, graduated from Clear Creek High School. She will be attending Texas A&M University this fall. Jennifer was a member of her high school drill team, the Cavaliers, for three years. This year she served as the 1st Senior Lieutenant. Jennifer was also a member of the yearbook staff, the BESTT program, Symphonic Choir, and Student Council. Jennifer was a Texas Scholar and named to the CCISD Good Sportmanship League. She has also been named the Worlds Greatest Daughter and Sister by her family.



Andrew Hauch, son of Rob Hauch, Environmental, graduated cum laude from Clear Creek High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Andrew will attend Texas A&M University where he will major in Biology (pre-med). In his spare time, Andrew is a guitar god.



Leslie Ann Hollaway, daughter of Steve and Carol Hollaway, PE-PL, graduated with honors from Ball High School, Galveston, Texas. She will attend Southwestern University where she was named a Southwestern Scholar. Leslie was president of Interact, newspaper editor, head yearbook photographer, a member of BESTT, Key Club, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. Leslie was a member of the Lady Tors from 1998 to 2000 and Head Coach of the Galveston Gators girls soccer team. Leslie won third place in the Galveston Youth Leadership Awards and was named to the National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was also Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Semifinalist and a Bloomberg Scholar at UTMB.



Broc Adams, youngest son of Leigh Ann Kahla-Adams, EC-EP, graduated from Ball High School this May. He is moving to Austin in August to pursue his musical career. Broc is the lead singer for the band LOSTT.



Mackenzie Lynne McManus, daughter of John, EC-ES, and Antoinette McManus graduated from Ball High School. Mackenzie was able to complete all required subjects for high school to graduate a year early. She plans to attend Galveston College for two years before transferring to a four-year college to complete her studies. She has decided to major in culinary arts.



Jenny Magill, daughter of Kris Brown, Wallisville, graduated from the University of Houston with a BA in Communications, Public Relations. She is currently working for King's Dancing Studio in Houston, Texas. She is also a member of Suchu, a Houston dance team that performs regularly throughout the greater Houston area. Jenny is pictured above with her husband, Daniel.



Photos were not available:

Laura Nini, daughter of Thomas Nini, OD, received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. Now Thomas Nini has no more children in college. Congratulations to both of them.

Kimberly Christmas, daughter of Colorado River Lock Operator Billy Christmas, graduated from Alvin Community College with a certification in Massage Therapy. She is now a licensed Massage Therapist in the State of Texas.



Engineering gets a new intern

Welcome Eric Scheibe to Galveston District!

Eric Scheibe, a recent graduate from Texas Tech University, has joined the Corp's Galveston District.

Scheibe graduated in May with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is working in the Engineering and Construction Division. Scheibe is originally from Murphy, TX.

June Birthdays

Shirley Fanuiel	June 1
Robert Page	June 1
David Janda	June 2
William Roberts	June 3
Ronald Weaver	June 3
Brent Granier	June 5
Diana Laird	June 7
Randy Richardson	June 7
Darrell Davis	June 8
Mary Ann Patlan	June 9
Kathi Dunaway	June 9
Mike Rawls	June 9
Kris Brown	June 10
Diane Kovacevich	June 10
William Hernandez	June 12
Jacqueline Adekanbi	June 12
Rafael Felix	June 13
Earl Richard	June 14
Harrison Sutcliffe	June 14
Wattie Bickham	June 15
Cynthia Burke	June 15
Bill Jakeway	June 16
Larry Dunaway	June 17
Charles Scheffler	June 18
Isidoro Martinez	June 18
Carolyn Murphy	June 20
Lloyd Saunders	June 23
Ed Herrington	June 25
Eliseo Cadena	June 25
Pat Lingo	June 25
Ana Gordon	June 26
Mike Flynn	June 28
Robert Hauch	June 28
Bob Heinly	June 29
Thomas Nini	June 29
Fern Kirkley	June 30



Speechmakers

Al Meyer, Dan Wyatt and Dalton Krueger spoke to the Lakewood Yacht Club, May 23, on the status of the Houston-Galveston Navigation project and boater safety around the working dredges.

On June 4, Dalton Krueger spoke to the local directors for numerous congressional offices at the Port of Houston Authority on the status and funding requirements of the Houston-Galveston Navigation project.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fred Anthamatten's wife, Mary, who was selected as "Teacher of the Year" for Ross Elementary in League City. She also made the final three for Clear Creek Independent School District "Teacher of the Year".

Congratulations to Kim Crawford! Kim has joined the Planning Section permanently as a Planning Lead. "Kim has done a marvelous job as Planning Lead for the Greens Bayou and the Texas City Channel Projects. We are so glad to have her with us," said Diana Laird, Chief of Planning.

The Pipeliners Association of Houston presented the Pipeline Achievement of the Year Award at their meeting on June 3. The award was presented to Troy Construction, Laney Drilling, Mustang Engineering, and King Fisher Marine. In their acceptance speech, Mustang Engineering recognized the Corps for making their job easier and the good working relationship that the two organizations had developed. Dalton Krueger, Herbie Maurer, Don Nanninga, and Bruce Bennett were there to represent the Corp. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Get Well Soon

Kanu Patel, General Engineering Section, was involved in a car accident on June 6 on his way home. He is now in Hermann Hospital in Houston and has been moved from the Trauma Emergency Center to a room. His condition has improved and he is in good spirits.

Welcome

Welcome, Robert Pietzsch (pronounced Peach), the new mail room clerk to Galveston District. Robert is a contract employee with Blackhawk Management Corporation.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to Scott Ickes, lock and dam operator at the Wallisville Lake Project of the Houston Project Office, who lost his dad, John to cancer on June 10th. Services were held on June 13th at the Navarre Funeral Home in Baytown. Please keep Scott and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Randy Batiste in your thoughts and prayers. His wife, Marie, passed away on May 30th.

The father of Diane Kovacevich, resource management office, passed away on June 18th. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Arturo Barrera, 71, passed away on May 14, 2002 at his residence in Brownsville.

Mr. Barrera is survived by his wife, Beatriz (Beti Saldivar) Barrera; three daughters, Monica E. Barrera of Brownsville, Edna I. (Richard) Gomez of Baytown, and Patricia "Patti" S. (Reynaldo) Garza of McAllen; four grandchildren, Danielle R. Garza, Nicholas R. Gomez, Madison M. Gomez and Amanda M. Gomez; one sister, Aurora B. Torres and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents Valentin and Leonarda Barrera, preceded him in death. Arturo was a graduate of St. Joseph Academy and graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Civil Engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy for five years. He was employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for 27 years, seven of those years as an area engineer in the Brownsville District.

Arturo was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and was attending the seminary at West Brownsville Baptist Church.

Visitation was on Thursday, May 16, 2002 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Treviño Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2002 at the funeral home. Interment followed at Buena Vista Burial Park.

Pallbearers were Jorge Robles, James Baldwin, Rick Gomez, Rey Garza, Gustavo Saldivar, Manuel Meza and Adan Herrera. Chaplain Paul H. Spell, Commander of the Veterans Funeral Honor Guard, conducted military Honors.

Thank you, Team Galveston!

On behalf of the Asian Pacific American Celebration Program, we would like to express our wholehearted thanks to everyone who displayed an interest or participated in this celebration. Special thanks are due to Helene Kieslich and Angela Zahid for bringing food items and delightful exhibits, and all their other help. On top of all that, we really appreciate our Commander's interest and active participation in promoting these cultural and educational programs. Active participation and discussion contributes greatly to the success of these District activities.

We hope all of you got some new insights and enjoyed this program.

- Baldev Mann

Regulatory Awards:



Sharon Tirpak -
Regulator of the Year
2002

David
Hoth -
Customer
Service
Award
2002



Cheryl Jaynes -
Team Work Award
2002

A Message from Hispanic Employment Program



Are you feeling in a rut? Is life not colorful enough? Do you need some excitement? Well HEP (Hispanic Employment Program) has a temporary fix for you. We are starting Salsa lessons. Each session will be held on Wednesdays at 11:30-12:30, and will be instructed by our own Celia Cockburn. Ms. Cockburn's enthusiasm and energy is sure to inspire the hidden Latin in you. So if you are interested please contact Tina Ybarra by June 25.

Upcoming Events

June 27

Tanner Christening

July 4

HOLIDAY

Independence Day

July 8

Public Meeting for Matagorda

5:30-6:00 p.m.

July 9 - July 11

Command Inspection

July 15

Public Hearing for

Brownsville Weir

July 16 - 17

New Employee's Orientation

July 17

PRB

July 18

Public Hearing for

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